A Merry Christmas to all our readers, kith and kin-everybody.

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Over the Hills

of the Christmas tree,

old song still,

And whether the cannon shatter, The walls of the world with wrath,

The child of te world sall wander,

Lies Christmas

We are altogether now in this struggle. If we win, you win. If we lose, you lose. Will you help win? Thrift stamps offer one way.

## **CHAIRMAN WEIS** STARTS MERCER'S THRIFT CAMPAIGN

Announcement was made from Colum bus last week by H. P. Wolfe, director of the Chie War Savings Committee, of the appointment of ex-Auditir T. A. Weis, now with the First National Bank, as Chairman of the Mercer County Committee. The selection of Mr. Weis is an excellent one, and he has take nhold of the work with a vim that will make the local thrift campaign popular with efery man, woman and child in the county.

Chairman Weis has been forwarded complete details for handling the sale of Thrift Stamfs and War Savings Stamps in this community. The work of the county organizations will be that generally of creating a demand for the stamps and at the sme time providing "over the counter" fcilities for their sale. The distributors are the postoffices, banks and other authorized agencies.

The county chairmen are advised that they may surround themselves with such advisors and secure sech assistance in the form of an executive committee as they may deem necessary. The work of Inquiry has been made whether a reg-promoting the sale of War Savings istrant under the selective service law is that of the liberty bond campaigns. The first birthday before the second draft call amount appropriated by Congress for ex- is issued. The selective law plainly states penses in distribution of the stamps is so that all persons who registered remain small that it little more than provides subject to call to the color unless exempt. the treasury department with succent

In his letter of instructions to the has ever undertaken."

newspaper men of thi scity to his office for the purpose of organizing the newspaper forces of the county for a thrift campaign along the lines laid down by the state organization. Along with the appontment of the managers of all the newspapers of the county on this committee, the publicity committee was further enlarged by the appointment of E. J. Brookhart, chairman; R. H. Chapman, of the Citizens Bank and John Gast, of the J. A. Roemer Co., of this city; W. E. C. F. Morrvillus, of Coldwater.

Another meeting was held last Wednes. day evening by the local newspaper men and Messrs. Brookhart, Chapman and Gast in which the situation as it applies to the publicity committee was gone over. It was agreed to open the advertising campaign next week throughout the county and Chairman Brookhart authorized to advise all concerned of the steps taken. Further action will be deferred until all members of the committee car

be reached. Chairman Weis also called other interests together to start the thrift campaign in every field that can be found-schools, societies, clubs, farm organizations and operations in which there has been everything that can be organised into a more than local activity on the part unit to further the sale of thrift stamps of the infantry. The Italian line, al-It is to be the greatest campaign to save though almost consciency assailed in pennies, dimes and dollars ever waged in the mountain regions, is still intact this county and undoubtedly the most and there is no red-blooded American but who can get into the game, no difference what their circumstances might be. Get ready to boost.

James McKirnan, aged 77, a former well known resident of Center township, but for the last three years making his home ni this city, passed away last Tuesday evening. The deceased was born in Ireland, but came to this county when 18 years of age. Death was due to age and a complication of ailments.

The deceased is survived by his wife and vve children-Mrs. August Knapke, James, jr., Harry, of Chicago; Dan in the selective army at Chillicothe, and Miss Mayme, at home. Dan arrived here from Camp Sherman, yesterday, and will remain until after the funeral.

Funeral services will be held Saturday (to-morrow) morning at nine o'clock at the Catholic church. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

Anton Kaiser, aged 52, died at his home at St. Henry on the 12th inst., after a long illness. He leaves a w fe and a large family of children. Funeral services were held at St. Henry last Friday.

Andrew Post, aged 85 years, a well known pioneer citizen of the south end of the county, died at the home of his son, Bernard Post, near Wendelin, on the 13th inst, Death was due to the infirmities of old age. Several children survive him. Funeral services were held at the Wen. delin Catholic church last Saturday.

Mrs. Jacob Franklin, an aged lady living near Rosehill, passed away Wednesday night, her death being due to a complication of diseases. She had been in failing health for some time. She leaves a husband, one child, from this marriage and six children from a former marriage. Mrs. Will Middaugh, of Celina, formerly of this city, was a daughter. Funeral services were held at Rosehill, Friday afaernoon at two o'clock.-Ft. Recovery

Journal. Turn 'Em Loose on Germany In an altercation between Charlie Rockwood and Art Woods, back of the Hem mert saloon last night, Rockwood's head and face was badly lacerated when Woods struck him several times with a beer bot. tle. It seems Art just can't keep from

'cuttin' up." It is asserted that Pet Miller also slipped into the melee and cracked a few bottles over Art's dome.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED Otto Legant, 26, Dayton, pattern maker son of Carl Legant, and Anna Moorman 16, Celina, electrical worker, daughter of

Henry Moorman. Rev. Reitz. Charles V. Snyder, 27, Coldwater, agent for Standard Oil Co., so not Orin Snyder, and aMrie M. Snider, and Marie M. Snider, 19. Coldwater, housekeeper, daughter

of Oscar Snider. Rev. Blotts. Jesse M. Ferguson, 26, Jefferson tp., farmer, son of Chas. Ferguson, and Ruth A. Karns, 34. Butler township, housedaughter of A. T. Kerns. Rev.

MORE HADES STUFF

The word that Kaiser Bill was dead, went all the world around, But not a single mourner at his obsequier was found.

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But Kaiser Bill cared not for that, but went up to the gate, nd, with an air of pompousness, said "I'm not a minute late." en o nthe elevator stepped this man

who loved the Krupp. And, frowning down on Peter, said: 'What time does this go up?" But Peter, knowing who he was,

daunted by his frown, Said: "Bill, that isn't going up with yo -it's going down." So down it dropped until it bumped hard on the lower floor,

And Kaiser Bill was thrown headlong right through the open door; He found the atmosphere quite hot, and hades red with flame,

But nothing loth he walked right in and proudly spoke his name, Then Satan wept and softly said: "This place is dear to me, But if my self-respect I'd keep, I must

give up I see, My company has been bad enough, but on HIM I draw the lineif Kaiser Bill is sent to hell, I'm going to resign." —Jedekiah.

REGISTRANTS OLDER THAN 31 SUB JECT TO DRAFT

Stamps is placed on the same basis as subject to draft if he attains his thirtyed or discharged. Provision of the act 'funds to prepare the literature and get the campaign under way. reads as follows: "Provided further, That persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided who shall have attained county chairman, Director Wolfe says: their twenty-first birthdy and who shall "In the selection of your committee, poli- not have attained their thirty-first birthtics should be avoided by at means. The day on or before the day set for the regvery biggest men in the community should istration, and all persons so registered be available for this patriotic work, which shall be and remain subject to draft into is perhaps the most important from a so- the forces hereby authorized unless excial point of view that the Unted States empted or excused therefrom as in this act provided."

## Last week Chairman Weis called the Rockford Boy Victim of Guard-

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 16-E. F. Gallagher, Munhall, Pa.; W. J. Kramer, Detroit, Mich., and W. L. Wiley, Rockford, Ohio, all members of the 113th Aero Squadron, U. S. A., were burned to death whe nthe guardhouse at the government aero warehouses at Middletown, near here, was destroyed by fire,

The fire was caused, it is believed, by gas generated by burning tar roofing pa-J. A. Roemer Co., of this city; W. E. per, which the men, the only inmates of the small frame structure that served as Mendon; W. F. Pixler, of Rockford and a camp prison were using to heat the stove in the building The men were confined for minor of

> Kramer was rescued alive but died later at the post hospital. The others were dead when comrades dragged them from the burning building.

## WEEKLY WAR REVIEW

During the week the Italian front was the only major field of military and holding well, except for a small recession here and there, forced at the cost of extremely heavy casual ties on the part of the Austro-German invaders. Berlin claims the taking of more than 3,900 prisoners in the fighting of the last few days and the re pulse of Italian counter attacks on positions won by the Teutons.

The strength of the Austro-German invaders in Italy is placed by official dispatches from Rome at 60 divisions. On the front line are 52, of which 45 are Austrian and seven German Eight others, four German and four Austrian, are said to be held back of the lines in reserve.

The Franco-Belgian front has been inactive, except for local fighting. mostly due to German thrusts here and there, delivered with the seeming intention of keeping the Anglo-French command guessing as to the enemy intentions. Marshal Haig's troops have met the last such blow in Flanders, where a trench on the section near Polderhoek chateau was taken by the Germans, with an attack in which a considerable part of the position was recovered. The Germans have heavily reinforced their western line with troops withdrawn from the eastern front. The allied nations are

anticipating a great Teutonic drive. In Palestine the British have scored a further advance northeast of Jerusalem. The Holy City is in possession of the allied troops.

In a dispatch dated Dec. 16 Berlin reported the capture of Caprille hill, a dominating point at the head of the San Lorenzo valley, which leads to the Venetian plains in Italy. Here, however, the enemy has been forced to stop under the terrific defense of the Italians,

Rome announced, Dec. 17, that the Italians repulsed Austrian attacks on Caprille hill and drove the enemy

back to his former lines. Berlin reported, Dec. 19, that the Austro-German forces pushed back the Italians in fierce fighting around Asolone, in northern Italy, and captured 2,000 prisoners.

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas program to be rendered at the St. John's Lutheran church, Tuesday evening, December 25th is as follows:

Organ Prelude. Song by the School. Opening servire. Recitation: Hasold Kistler, Helen Wy-

Male Choir: "We Have Seen His Star." Song: "O David's Town of Bethlehem. Recitation: Alberta Cole, Eather Weis-

Scripture reading: The Story of Bethle

Recitation: Harols Menchofer, Song by confirmation class: "No Room in the Inn

Recitation: John Glicher, Malissa Mes-(Continued on Eighth Page)

## FORMER CELINA MAN SHIFTED TO **UTILITIES BOARD**

A Columbus special to the Cincinnat Enquirer under date of December 13, reads as follows

Byron M. Clendening, of Cincinnati, to. day was nominated by Governor Cox as a member of the State Utilities Commission, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Oliver H. Hughes, of Highland County.

Until to-day Mr. Celndening was member of the State Liquor Licensing Board, in which he has served since the creation of the licensing system. His place will be taken by John Nolan, of Steubenville, who was Secretary of the board and who receives a promotion through thi sappointment.

During the first administration of Govmor Cox Mr. Clendening was selected a member of the Chief Executive's staff of departmental heads, and was an applicant for a place in the Utilities Commis



sion. Circumstances operated to preven his appointment and he accepted instead the post of Chairman of the Liquor Li-

he renewed his request for a place in the Utilities Board, and this time it was suc. essful. The new member is a veteran attorney

who has practiced at the bar of Mercer and Hamilton Counties for more than a sion. quarter of a century. While a resident of elina, Mercer County, he served severa terms in the General Assembly with disinction.

Upon the re-election of Governor Cox

While in Cincinnati he was active in

olitics and was president of the famous Duckworth Club of that city. Unail last She is teaching school at the latter place.

At the annual election of Celina Chaper, R. A. M., held on the 7th inst., the following officers were elected: A. J. Bearinger, H. P., G. J. C. Wintermute, King; J. W. Loree, Scribe; I. F. Raudabaugh, C. H., S. S. Scranton, P. J.; A. M. McDonald, R. A. C.; Jesse Fast, 3rd Viel; H. C. Bowman, 2nd Viel; Chaa. Hovard, 1st Viel; R. H. Chapman, Treasur r; A. M. Riley, Secretary; A. Enyart, uard. The annual installaton takes place at the first meeting in January.

THIRD SECTION CELINA-WABASH ROAD TO BE LET

State Highway Commissioner Cowen, o olumbus, wil lreceive bids for construcion of Section C of the Celina-Wabash ad on the 27th. The length of this secion is 8592 feet and the cost is estimated at nearly \$40,000. Plans and specifica tions can be seen at the office of Engi neer Morrison of this city.

One Month's Allowance of Flour Effective at once, dealers, are instruct

ed by the federal food administration to imit flour sales and exchanges to a onth's allowance for each and every amily

The rule applies without exception. Wheat producers come under the san striction as do those who buy flour out-Persons bringing wheat to mill and ask

ng flour in exchange are accommodated to the extent of a month's supply, if the wheat amounts to more tha na month's eed of flour the surplus wheat may be old to the miller or taken back home. That the rule is absolute and admits no onkey business is emphasized in a special message from the district deputy ad

inistrator in Toledo. Careful precautions have been taken broughout the United States to see that he rule aforementioned is lived up to. The entire country is divided into nine

ones, which are further subdivided into distrcts. Oho and Pennsylvania with portions of djacent states are in the ninth zone di-

ected from Philadelphia, Celina is in the first district of the ninth me and is under jurisdiction of a district deputy administrator in Toledo.

There is reason to believe the object of the thirty days limit of flour supply to individual families is to prevent the exessive hoarding of this staple by occassional flour hogs having means to accumulate and a discposition to do so. While there is mple supply for national needs it is declared necessary to insure a unithat everyone be rghtly supplies and none deprived ir placed on short rations.

### Annual Meeting School Boards

The fourth annual meeting of the memers of the boards of education of the various villages and rural school districts of Mercer county school district will be held in the High School Auditorium, Celina, December 24, 1917. The morning ession will begin at ten o'clock. All board members are urged to be present. Superintendents, teachers and parents are also invited. These meetings are growing in intrest, but they should be mor largely attended. Please come prepared to take some active part in the discus-

S.COTTERMAN.

Miss Helen Langel, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Langel, of this city, had her hands frozen while on her way from Wapakoneta to Cridersville one day last week

## UNITY GRANGE POINTS TO SOME **PUTRID SORES**

Unity Grange, No. 2116, at a recent Again through the star sown path. meeting adopted the following preambles Over the hills lies hristman, singing that and resolutions: Whereas, In view of the fact that a state if war exists between the U. S.

Whereas, It becomes necessary to conserve on certain food products; and The Child that has made love holy whereas the government has seen fit to Shall come with His crown of light ay particular strees on the conservation of sugar and Whereas the brewing industry levies a

and Germany; and

neavy toll on the above food product; and Whereas, the brewing industry can-umes to exceed 600,000 tons of coal an-Te world from its dreams of rest. aually in the state of Ohio in the manuecture of beer; and

Whereas, It s a common knowledge that ontemplate closing because of the fact BLLY hat fuel cannot bt secured; and Whereas, Not a single brewery, to osr

nowledge, has shut down from lack of dal; and Whereas. The manufacture and vending

of beer is carried on to a large extent by n element that is pro-German; and Whereas, Our COUNTY LICENSING ND SUBSERVIENT ATTITUDE TO NERACTIONS OF THE LAW BY PRO-PRIETORS OF SUCH RESORTS; and Whereas, The coistant and excessive se of the product of the brewery is responsible for vast numbers of children being underfed and semi-clothed, and imses on a cerasin large per cent. of posterity, physical, mental and moral ineffi-

iency; and, Whereas, Its use serves no necessary wholesome function in economy and Whereas, Existing conditions are uncoming and inconsistant in a civilized and christian nation besdes being a men

ace to the youth of our land, and Whereas, As a continuation of these onditions is lending sid and comfort to our enemies; therefore be it

Resolved: That we, as Patrons of Husandry and patriotic producers, hereby register our protest as to existing condions an ddemand, that for the remainder f the war the manufacture and use of form distribution of necessities to the end both beer and whiskey as a beverage be prchibited; and be it further

Resolved. That such stores or supplies whiskey that are now available or that redistillation could be made available or the mnufacture of munitions of war be mandeered by the government, allowng a ten per cent profit to the owners of ald liquors; and be it further,

Resolfed that a copy of these resoluone be furnished to each of the follow ing parties: President Woodrow Wilson; 4 Controller Herbert Hoover; oCunty Delegate to State Grange Convention and County Papers for publication. Committee on Resolution,

WM. BENNETT. WM WILFY ROY KESTER O. S. ASHCRAFT

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Geyer, of St. Henry made The Democrat a pleasant call Wed nesday, while in town shopping and at tending to other business matters.

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Drawn by C. D. Batchelor of The New York Evening Journal.

reports an incident a shaving occurred in to stop the melee, and they too experienc-

men and a traveling man, visited Botkins than an attractive piece of furniture.

one of the Minster men is quoted as hav- like these combine beauty and utility-

Wednesday evening, and while in a saloon "Give furniture for Christmas."

Jesse Booher ,a strapping big man phy- gifts. At W. A. J. McDaniel.

Minster man, dealt him a sledge hamme

Can you think of a better Holiday gift

Somewhere—in France or in a cantonment—her dear one is serving for her—and for you and me.

She is making a sacrifice-and she's serving, too. She has entolled in the Red Cross Christmas

ALWAYS AROUND SOME SALOON

Tom Kennedy, garage owner and im-

Mr. Kennedy states that four Minster

those who make disloyal remarks, wheth. | Wapakoneta News.

plement dealer at Botkins, Shelby county,

er in jest or earnest.

Membership Drive and is proud of the service flag that shows it.

You-Will you, can you, do less than serve with her?

He

Display the Red Cross service flag!

week he was a member of the Draft Board

in that city, resigning on account of the

official business.

of Major.

demand for his presence in this lity on

For many years he was a member of the

Ohio National Guard, rising to the rank

New Manager for Fruit Co.

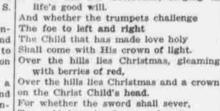
The Celina Fruit Co., South Main street.

has a new manager in the person of R.

has stocked up the place for the holiday

Amato, who took charge, Monday.

nuts the next three days.



Over te hill lies Christmas, singing us

We shall find it again in the roses Of the Child with the snow white breast

Tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon Christmas shoppers in this city will be given a BOARDS ASSUME AN INDIFFERENT treat in the form of an Airplane flight. Celina business men have made arrangesents with Aviator Billy Brock, who is known by many people throughout the county, being head aviator in the Beam school of Aviation here last winter and pring, to give his best in the art of handling the big plane. In his exhibition



"BILLY" BROCK

Who Will Loop-the-Loop Here Saturday public and spectators will see the big people will make their home at Dayton. plane loop-the-loop at the end of the exhibition. Celina has seen most all stunts except looping and this well be a real Mrs. A. T. Kerns, and Jesse Ferguson, treat to those in town Saturday.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20. Cattle—Prime steers, \$12@15: shipping steers, \$11 50@18 50; butcher steers, \$9 50 @12 25; helfers, \$7@11 50; cows, \$4@ 10 25; bulls, \$6 75@8 75; fresh cows and springers, \$50@140; calves, \$7@17 50. Hogs—Heavy, \$17 25@17 35; mixed, \$17 @17 10; Yorkers, \$16 75@17; light Yorkers, \$15 50@16; pigs, \$15 25@15 50; roughs, on a farm in this county. \$15 75@16; stags, \$14 25@15 50; roughs, \$15 75@16; stags, \$14@15.

Sheep and Lambs—Tearlings, \$12@16 50; wethers, \$12 50@13; ewes, \$6@12; mixed sheep, \$12 25@12 50: lambs, \$13

Receipts—Cattle, \$50; hogs, 8,000; sheep and lambs, 1,400; salves, 100. Chicago, Dec. 20.

Cattle-Native beef steers, \$7 25@14 35: western steers, \$6 35@12 75; stockers and feeders, \$6 25@10 20; cows and helfers, 18ccists, 36 28 20 20; cows and helfers, 25 26; cows and helfers, 25 26

Receipts-Cattle, 11.000; hogs, 15,000; sheep and lambs, 11,000. Cleveland, O., Dec. 20 Cattle—Choice at steers, \$11 50@12 25; butcher steers, \$10 25@11; helfers, \$3 50 @9 50; bulls, \$7 50@5 50; cows, \$6 25@ 50; calves, \$16@16 50 Hogs-Yorkers, \$16 65; heavies, \$16 85; pigs, \$15 25; roughs, \$15 75; stage \$14 50 Lambs—Fair to choice, \$15.50@17.75. Receipts—Cattle, 200; hogs, 3,000; sheep and lambs, 1,500; calves, 200.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 20. Cattle-Steers, \$12 50@13 59; helfers, \$9 75@10 50; cows, \$8 50@10; top calves. Hogs Heavy, \$16 99@16 95; heavy Yorkers, \$16 75@16 35; light Yorkers, \$16 50@16 65; pigs, \$16 25@16 50. Sheep and Lambs-Top sheep, \$12 25; Receipts-Hogs, 4,500; sheep and lambs.

300; calves, 100

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 20. Cattle—Steers \$6@11 75; helfers, \$6@ 11 50; ccws, \$6@9; calves, \$5 50@15. Hogs—Packers and butchers, \$16 25@ 16 35; common to choice, \$12@15 25; pigs and lights, \$12@15 50; stags, \$11@15 50. Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$5@10 50; lambs, \$10@17. Receipts—Cattle, 1,000; hogs, 2,800; sheep and lambs, 100.

Baltimore, Md., Dec 20 Baltimore, Md., Dec 20.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@51c; Ohio rolls, 32@53c; store packed, 31@32c.

Eggs—Nearby and western firsts, 55c.

Poultry—Chickens: Old hens, (4 lbs. and over), 24c; small to medium, 32@35c; old roosters, 15@15c; springers, smooth and fat 24@25c. sically, a loyal citizen and an employee at the Kennedy garage, rushed at the and fat, 24@250; rough and poor, 22@230 blow and floored him. Friends interfered, a saloon in Botkins Wednesday evening, ed th wrath of Booher, in sledge hammer that ought to prove a salutary lesson to blows backed by patriotic indignation.—

Wool—Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine washed, \$2680; one-half blood combing. 75@76e; three-eighths blood combing, 76@77c; delaine unwashed, 75

Wheat, \$2 20; corn. \$1 95; cata, 85c;

ing said that he is a resident of America gives pleasure for years to come. Call A bed Davenport is a useful and ornatrade with nuts and candies as well as and made his money here, but that his and see what beautiful things in the mental piece of furniture, very approfruits. They make a special drive on heart was with Germany. Davenports at W. A. J. McDaniel's.

## COUNTY FOOD Over the hills lies Christmas, dancing Christmas glee, Over the hills lies Christmas and the light IS LAUNCHED

The Mercer County Food Administration Committee has just been completely organided and consists of the following embers, Joseph F. Hoyng, Coldwater, E. E. Jackson, Rockford, Charles Disher, Mendon, S. S. Scranton, Celina, Elizabeth Coof, Celina, H. M. Winkeljohn, St. Henry, Frank Jones, Ft. Recoverf, S. S. Cotterman, Chairman of Celina. C. A. Stubbs Secretary, Celina. Other appointments are pending and will be made known as toon as made.

This committee charged by the government to accomplish the following matters in Mercer county; increased production of food, preventing hoarding of food supplies, preventing speculation, preventing of aking abnormal profits in food supplies, and to assist in the regulating of prices. Any violations of the food act should

be reported at once to any member of this

mmittee, each of whom has the authority to investigate all violations. By the istance of the public in general, this mmittee canprevent unscrupulous perons taking advantage of the war situa-Every restaurant, hotel, boarding house nd saloon is expected to observe meat-

ss Tuesdays and Wheatless Wednesdays n dthose not doing so are reported to the Federal Food Administrator for proper action. There has been a common misunderstanding among the farmers that the gov-

ernment will not permit them to keep the roduce raised by them. This is a wrong dea for the law applies to those who buy from the farmer with the expectation of hoarding supplies and making large profits. Farmers by the keeping of the produce raised by them are in no sense violating the food law but are doing what they have a right to do. The time has come when the American

people must deny themselves if we would win the war. There will be no use to send our soldiers to France unless we feed them. We must also feed the allies sol-The wheat now held in America is only

sufficient for our normal consumption, yet we must continue to ship thousands of tons to Europe. We must, therefore, save now and through the coming months until nother harvest. Make every evening meal a wheatless ne, and every Tuesday a meatless day.

Pork, especially must be conserved, also sugar. Every individual must cut his sugar consumption by half. If we would win this war every person nust do their part. The government does not ask that you give away your food supplies but that you us ethose food supplies not needed by the government, The government pays for every particle of food thus ont used by you. Mercer county must do its share and will with the

## Administration Committee. **CUPID'S DOMAIN**

co-operation of the public with the Food

Miss Anna Moorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Moorman, of Butler aownship, and Otto Legant of Dayton, were wedded at the Lutheran parsonage in this city last Saturday, Rev. Reitz perform-Aviator Brock will execute maneuvers ing the ceremony. A wedding dinner folthat will look utterly impossible to the lowed at the bride's home. The young

> Augs Ruth Kerns, daughter of Mr. and well known young people of Butler township, were wedded last Sunday at the bride's home, Rev. Sill officiating. They will be at home on the Lacy farm after the vrst of the year.

> Miss Trixie Loudenbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Loudenbeck, of Wabash, this county, and John Powell, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Powell, of Washington township, were wedded at the First Lutheran Church, at Lima on the on a farm in this county.

> Edgar Floyd Baker, eldest son of Mrs. Amanda Baker of this city, and Miss Mary Ross Sturgeon, of St. Marys, were wedded at Wapakoneta on the 14th inst. The couple will make their home at St. Marys.

Council Rejects Truck Council in special session last week, ead and accepted a resolution fixing time and term of chief of fire department, two assistants, the driver and janitor of the wilding. The report of the Board of Affairs was also read and accepted.

At a meeting again Tuesday night the ordinance relative to the fire department was passed. The chasis trurk that has been under discussion for a couple months without any decision being reached, was up again. and Mr. Querinjean's vehicle, which Chief

Weber contended was no fire truck at all,

and couldn't be made one, was finally relected as not meeting requirements. Council will meet agin on the 28th.

Ohio's Public Debt Auditor of State A. V. Donohey has isued a pamphlet on "Ohio Public Debt in relation to Taxation and Tax Limitations." The matter in this pamphlet is taken from his annual report which will be printed later. It is the most complete document o ntaxation ever issued by the state and shows how the enormous increase of public indebtedness in counties, citieis and school districts in recent years has rendered the Smith one per cent tax law valueless. This advance report is mailed free by the auditor of state to all citizens on request. If you want to know why your taxes are increasing, drop a

### card to the auditor of state and get a copy of this advance report. A GERMAN'S CRY

I wish I was a Frenchman And have a lot's of friends To help them fight and fight Until this great war ends. I think they'd be good to me, And I'd be good to them I know, Because they are great men To fight against their foe. Then when this war is over A treaty we would sign. Then we would all get together, And have a good old time. Then homeward we'd come marching With our starry Flag unfuried, Proclaiming human freedom

Throughout the Christian world -Godfrey Harruff.